laints have so far been received against the office of the Director General of Mines Safety.

Action Plan on the Conference of Voluntary Organisations

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Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the action plan on the recommendations of "conference of voluntary organisations" has been finalised;

(b) if so, whether this marks a major step forward for developmental activity;

(c) what are the roles that voluntary organisations will be undertaking under this action plan;

(d) whether IMF and World Bank are planning to fulfil the objective of transferring development to the voluntary sector and making people help themselves; and

(e) if so, to what extent the voluntary organisations in India would be able to fulfil the directives of IMF and the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The Conference of Voluntary Organisations held on March 7-8, 1994 made their recommendations under the title "Action Plan for Collaborative Relationship between Government and Voluntary Organisations (VOs)".

(b) Eighth Plan, 1992-87 envisages building and strengthening people's institutions and making people active participants in the developmental activities. The Conference organised in March, 1994 was a step in that direction for creating a more conducive policy environment for collaborative relationship between Voluntary Organisations and Government.

(c) The main roles perceived for Voluntary Organisations in the "Action Plan" are :

(i) Mobilisation and organisation of the poor including specially disadvantaged and vulnerable sections of the society such as women, handicapped, disabled and the aged proceded by education, awareness building and conscientisation;

(ii) Providing delivery services by implementation of various development projects with Government assistance or assistance from external funding agencies on the recommendation of Government;

(iii) Providing relief and rehabilitation to those who have been affected by natural calamities like flood, Cyclone, earthquake, etc.;

(iv) Providing rehabilitation to the physically and orthopaedically handicapped;

(v) Creation of infrastructure such as school buildings, health centres, roads, irrigation works and other community assets;

(vi) Meeting basic minimum needs, such as, drinking water, sanitation, literacy, immunisation, family planning, primary health care, nutrition, energy, housing, etc.;

(vii) Other initiatives and thrusts which do not necessarily imply delivery services like creation of awareness for conservation of environment, women's equality and empowerment, national integration, communal harmony, etc.

(d) and (e) Planning Commission is not aware of the plans of IMF & World Bank in this regard.